South Bend Police Department

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Media Release
South Bend Police Department Citizen's Police Academy

How would you like to step inside our S.W.A.T. truck— like you see on television—or examine a fingerprint under a microscope in our CSI laboratory? ***And the newest class addition presents the Child Dangers of the Internet and Computer & Technology Crime Overview.***

The South Bend Police Department is now accepting applications for the first Citizen's Police Academy in 2007. This will be the 26th academy session of educational classes offered to the public to promote an understanding and awareness of the duties and responsibilities of the South Bend Police Department. The next scheduled academy will run for 13 weeks, starting March 13th and ending on June 5, 2007. All classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-8:30 p.m. And it's free!

General class topics include the department's community policing efforts, future plans, and an overview of the organization. The in-depth class participation includes interaction with officers from patrol, investigative, and communications areas. In addition, there will be several hands-on scenarios involving specialty unit demonstrations from the K-9, SWAT, and the Bomb Disposal Unit. Upon graduation, participants are also available to ride with an officer to see the patrol functions from a first-hand view.

If you are a citizen who lives or works around South Bend and have ever had a question about the police department and would like to get feedback in a comfortable setting—this is the class for you. For a further look at classroom issues, click onto the South Bend Police Department Web Page at: www.southbendpolice.com or e-mail any questions to sbpd@ci.south-bend.in.us. The class size is limited to 40 participants and candidates wishing to enroll can do so now.

Spaces fill quickly! To be placed on the enrollment list, please contact:
Capt. John Williams at 574-235-5941.

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